

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 72

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to the Steve Faris Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 12, Dutton. Steve Faris Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 330 in the County of San Bernardino as the Steve Faris Memorial Highway. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Steve Faris of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection drove thousands of miles up and down State Highway Route 330 with the purpose of promoting safety for mountain top communities; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Battalion Chief Faris helped establish in the Inland Empire the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, which was the first of more than 14 councils that are now active in the Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside; and

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Faris was instrumental in bringing together the fire safe councils to form the Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Battalion Chief Faris was intimately involved in the establishment of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST), which brought local, state, and federal agencies together to address the critical fire situation presented by the bark beetle-drought tree mortality issues; and

WHEREAS, The consolidated efforts of MAST and fire safe councils contributed significantly to the safe evacuation of more than 60,000 people during the Old Fire of 2003; and

WHEREAS, There are not enough words to describe Chief Faris' impact on the lives of the people in the San Bernardino mountain communities; and

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Faris was a friendly, giving, and passionate person who included everyone and found a way to work with anyone interested in his efforts to save lives and establish defensible space for properties in the mountains; and

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Faris died in an automobile accident in September 2006, but will always live on in the hearts of the people in the communities he served; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby recognizes the contributions made by Battalion Chief Steve Faris of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to the people of the State of California and hereby designates State Highway Route 330 in the County of San Bernardino as the Steve Faris Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.